

Association Officers Chosen for 1945 Term

PERSONALS FROM PERSONNEL

By S. C. Miller



Life has a strange way of playing tricks on us. This week it was in the form of news that Harold Baum, Hammer Repairman and twin brother of Earl Baum, Forge Operator, had died suddenly.

Harold had just returned home from the hospital where he had been operated on. His death came as a complete shock to his family and many friends here at Plomb. I never could tell the two Baum boys apart, but all of us who knew them agree that rarely do you see two better workers or finer fellows.

Luckily for Harold's family, he had recently subscribed to an Aetna insurance policy and was covered by the California Western States hospitalization plan. As he was a member of the Plomb Activities Association, his family will receive an additional death benefit from the welfare fund. However, all of these are negligible in comparison with a man's life.

This is not a plea for insurance. It should, nevertheless, make all of us realize that since life is so uncertain, we should make as many provisions for our families as possible. Since Plomb has made such generous offers on the sharing of insurance expense, now is the time to subscribe if you have not already done so.

You may put this matter off, but don't put it off until it is too late.

WHEN YOUR TIME IS SOLD, OR YOU HAVE PROMISED FAITHFULLY TO PERFORM YOUR WORK FOR A GIVEN PRICE, IT IS JUST AS DISHONEST TO SHIRK YOUR DUTY AS IT IS TO TAKE THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

—CALVIN COOLIDGE.

PICNIC PLANS NOW UNDER WAY

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Plomb Employees' Association, officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

LARRY MAHER—Forge Die—President.

LOU STAHL—Polish—Vice-President.

ELEANOR THOMPSON—Prod. Control—Secretary.

DAIN STURGES—South Office—Treasurer.

The new Board takes office at a time when an increasing interest is being manifested in recreation and social activities throughout the plant. Spotlighted in the immediate program is the Plomb Annual Picnic. Arrangements are being made to hold it at LAKE ENCHANTO where the facilities for recreation exceed anything offered elsewhere.

THEY AWAIT HIS HOMECOMING



HERE ARE TWO REASONS why Jerry Boardman would like to come home from the South Pacific war area. The lady in the picture is GRACE, his wife and the chunky little tyke is DREW Boardman. Lt. Boardman, you will remember, wrote us a letter in May in which he offered to swap "jungle butter and insects" for a job again at Plomb. (Jerry was MBP's secretary from December, 1938, to March 1st, 1941, when he went into military service). Let us all hope the Japanese scrap will be over soon and Jerry can pick up where he left off—a welcome member of the Plomb team.

Just as a sample you can ride horseback, swim in an unusually large pool, zowl, dance in an open-air pavilion, try your skill on the archery range. There's a wading pool, too, just for the kiddies. The outing has been set for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST. Make a note of it now and be sure to come and bring your family.

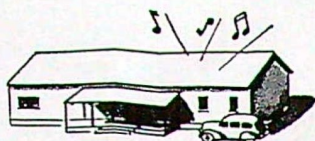
A poster is being prepared by Dick Walter to be displayed on an easel in Victory Lane with suitable spaces for those who have cars to sign up for "share-the-ride" transportation to the Lake Enchanto Picnic Ground, and also for those who WANT rides. In each case the zone number of the people who sign will be given to enable groups living in the same neighborhood to get together.

By thus sharing our cars with those who have no transportation everyone can be accommodated and we won't have to hire busses. Watch for the poster and register your name and zone number.

THANKS TO DAIN STURGES for a good job of getting out Anvil Chorus while I was on vacation. He knows how to dig up news as well as Divots!

VISITOR: LIVED HERE ALL YOUR LIFE?

NATIVE: DON'T KNOW — AIN'T DIED YET.



Some Folks and Doings in the Plomb Parade

Suggestion Committee News ☆ Vacations ☆ Anniversaries ☆ Fun and Frolic

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE ACTIVE

The Plant Suggestion Committee has made awards to 15 alert employees during the first six months of 1945, totaling \$256.00 in cash bonuses.

The committee is headed by Al Hawley, Ass't. Works Manager, and comprises Leonard Taylor, Forge Die; Al Stark, Maintenance; and Wm. Van Hoose, Tool & Die.

Plomb management invites employees to submit practical ideas which will increase production, conserve materials, save time, simplify systems, increase safety and in general effect a saving of time and effort which may then be devoted to other work.

Awards made this year are:

Victoria Olson	\$25.00
Emil Heimberger	10.00
Dave Messenger	10.00
John Millsap	10.00
Lester Wilson	15.00
Kenneth Peterson	50.00
Bob Bremer	10.00
Robert Martin	25.00
Fred Watts	10.00
Norman Maugh	25.00
Wenzel Rosenzweig	20.00
Milo Kroll	10.00
Joseph Lloyd	10.00
Gordon Beauchamp	16.00
Bob Bremer	10.00

Do something about those good ideas you get. Jot them down on a suggestion blank and drop it in one of the several red suggestion boxes around the plant. You will be improving your job for yourself and getting paid for it!

BLOOD DONOR RECRUITERS TO BE HERE JULY 31st

Dorothy Van Gundy

Thousands of volunteer blood donors are needed every week. The Red Cross is the sole agency through which blood is collected for the armed forces. Anyone in good health between the ages of 21 and 60, weighing 110 lbs. or more, may donate his blood. Those between the ages of 18 and 21 may donate with a written consent of parent or guardian. Donating is painless and has no harmful effects, as the body soon restores the blood given. No one is accepted oftener than every ten weeks.

Red Cross Blood Donor Recruiters will be in the plant on July 31st from 2 until 5 P.M. Please be on hand to sign up for your pint of blood and save a life.

Bernice "Bee" Nanney

Have you noticed the young lady in the Silver Kitchen who looks enough like "Aunt Ruby" Burbank to be Ruby herself? Well, folks, she is Ruby's niece. Bernice, "Bee" Nanney, she hails from Kelso, Washington, and thinks Los Angeles is great and the people at Plomb are "SUPER."

GAMBLE A LITTLE IF YOU MUST BUT — NOT WITH SAFETY



There's many a truth spoken in jest and the chance you take with a one armed bandit is nothing as compared to the bandit that sneaks up on you when you're not looking and that has several arms—and wheels—all going 'round and 'round.

Goggles are better, cheaper at any price than a glass eye. Safety shoes are a real investment—even if you DO have corns. Wear that metal hat! Then if you get conked on the skull the dent will be in the hat and not in your cranium. Use the brains that are INSIDE your head and protect yourself from all the loosenuts flying around on the OUTSIDE.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Office	
FREEMAN KIRWIN	14 yrs.
WILHELMINA JONES	5 yrs.
PEARL TYLER	2 yrs.
Factory	
JAMES BRANN	9 yrs.
LEROY STURTZ	9 yrs.
LEGORY O'LOUGHLIN	3 yrs.
Chicago	
JERRY ARSIER	3 yrs.
MARY ROTCHFORD	3 yrs.
HELEN EVANS	2 yrs.

MAINTENANCE DOINGS

Paul Diflo, Reporter

KENNETH OLSON has just returned from a well earned vacation. Went to Modesto to visit an old time friend and found that he had left. Went on to Yosemite and had a good time anyway. That's the old Plomb spirit—turning disappointments into opportunities. Said Ollie: "I hadn't been out of Los Angeles County for so many years, I felt like a native son. So my wife and I decided to see what other beauty spots the State of California contained. It was a real thrill."

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OTIS EATON is back from his vacation so that team of Hope and Eaton are all set to do their stuff. The week Otis was away poor Jake wandered around like a lost soul.

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TOM THORNTON who was on swing shift for a while is back with us on days again. Mrs. Thornton is also working days—a chance for Tom to get acquainted with her again.

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FRED SPEAR recently completed his fourteenth year with Plomb. Figures the job is going to be permanent. Fred is the boss of the Board Room. Two of his sons, Fred Jr., and John, got into the big scrap in 1943—Fred in the Merchant Marine (engineer) and John in the Marine Hospital Corps. Fred is a modest chap but he should be proud of a family like that.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: PAUL DIFLO has also made a contribution to the Armed Services. His daughter LOUISE joined the Spars in 1943, trained in Florida for several months, got her commission in January, 1944, and was sent to St. Louis, Mo. She is now back in sunny California. Her sister GRACE is a real songster—once was on the Orpheum Circuit for forty weeks. Some talented folks among Plomb families! !

ENSIGN: LOOK, WAITRESS. I ORDERED A STEAK AND YOU'RE GIVING BE A BONE.

WAITRESS: I'M NOT GIVING IT TO YOU. YOU'RE PAYING FOR IT.

Ship's Cook: Do you like beans?

Boot: No, I never eat them.

Ship's Cook: In that case your breakfast is over.

PRESIDENT'S Editorial



PUBLIC RELATIONS IN ACTION

By
M.B.P.

Following is a letter received from one of our guests which I thought would interest you:

"Thank you for the privilege of attending your Family Day Open House at Plomb Tool. I appreciated the opportunity of seeing your factory in operation and was very much impressed by the size and efficiency of your organization. We hear a lot these days about loss in worker efficiency during the war and low output per man hour. As I observed your people on the job I had the feeling that they were really putting out. If the men fighting overseas could see your workers I am sure they would feel that the worker home-front is backing them up.

"The thing that impressed me most, however,—the fact which really gave me a thrill and made me proud to be an American — was the friendly relationships you have built between people of many races and nationalities. At a time when Congress and our own State legislation were quibbling over a Fair Employment Practices Act, the families of your Plomb people gathered in your club house to enjoy your entertainment without racial or national consciousness. Americans all—Plomb people all—friends, neighbors, workers, citizens—one nation indivisible.

"That's what Lincoln stood for, that's what our boys are fighting for and I know that's what you believe in.

"Plomb is the most truly democratic and American plant I have visited."

Editor's Note: Good public relations begin with good employee relations. It is not a specialized activity like engineering, finance or sales but something that cuts through all these and is the basic theme for each. It is the operating philosophy that a business must actually put into practice. It is doing the things that people like—and doing them the way they like. And . . . the doing is more important than the saving. In other words, we must demonstrate what we believe. That's public relations in action.

Plomb Receives Further Honor For Bond Drive

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT

*For patriotic cooperation rendered in behalf of the
War Finance Program this citation is awarded to*

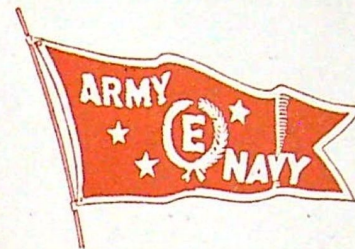
**THE PLOMB TOOL COMPANY
LOS ANGELES**

Given under my hand and seal on JULY 12, 1945

7TH WAR LOAN
EMPLOYEE GROUP AWARD

Harry Morganthau Jr.
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

B.H. Mowbray
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Employee Group Award and Minute Man Star received from Treasury Department

This week the Plomb Team received additional recognition for their excellent participation in the 7th War Loan Drive. We proudly accept from the Treasury Department the 7th War Loan Employee Group Award, officially indicating the purchase of War Securities by individuals exceeding the plant quota as summarized in the Anvil Chorus last week.

Also, we received from the Treasury Department the Silver Star to be added to our Minute Man Flag. The display of this emblem signifies that we are maintaining the following standards set by the Treasury Department:

1. The total of our individual bond purchases amounts to at least 10% of the aggregate payroll.
2. 90% of all employees participate in the regular Payroll Savings Plan for investment in War Bonds.

Did you share in helping us gain these honors?

METALLURGICAL DEPARTMENT

F. J. Robbins, Director

DANIEL MARTIN, Tool Designer, is a new member of the Engineering Department.

BETTY BAKER of the Engineering Department looked "very sleepy" Monday morning after her heavy weekend.

W. T. PEASE of the Engineering Department has returned from his vacation leave in Shreveport, Louisiana. He visited his Father who is ill.

E. SAGE of the Engineering Department who has been ill, visited this department. He expressed his "thanks" for the lovely flowers sent him by the Welfare Association.

The "sweater girl" in the Engineering Department is none other than "BILL" TAYLOR.

CHARLES MEYERS, a former employee of the Heat Treat Department, and now with the U. S. Navy, was a visitor last week.

ROBERT TRUAN, Raw Material Inspector, came to work Monday morning dressed in his trousers to his tuxedo suit.

D. NORVELL of the Research Engineering Department, went fishing over the weekend. He caught several Halibut but wouldn't mention their size.

Is George In?

"Could you give a hungry man a bite to eat?" asked a tramp at the door of a tavern named "George and the Dragon."

"No, positively no," snapped the landlady, slamming the door.

Soon the tramp was back and again the landlady came to the door.

"Could I have a few words with George?" asked the hungry man.

Farmer's wife: Is this the druggist speaking?

Yes, ma'am.

"Well, be sure and write plain on them bottles which is for the horse and which is for my husband. I don't want nothing to happen to that horse before spring plowing.

TO THE LADIES:

You can borrow these pamphlets from Anvil Chorus Library.

THE PANTRY PARADE—quickly made snacks that can be put together in a hurry. Issued by Best Foods.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR DONUT PARTIES — Kitchen tested, appetizing. Donut desserts that are really delicious. Issued by DONUT INSTITUTE.

SPARKS FROM THE GRINDING LINE

Jean Berkal, Inspector

EDITOR'S NOTE: Besides being skilled in "What's Cookin'" in the Grinding Department, Jean can bake, too. And her cakes. Whenever someone has a birthday in the Grinding Department Jean will celebrate with one of these cakes like mother tried to make. When will we have another one, Jean?

GEORGE WADDLETON is back again. Two weeks are just too long for a good boss to be gone. George's boy Bill left last week for training in the U. S. Army Air Corps at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He graduated from Mark Keppel High School last June.

WHEN IS MONDAY TUESDAY? Queer question isn't it? Well, for your information BOB CASTIGNOLA'S Monday is his Tuesday! Or is it vice versa? Anyhow, just what does he do with his Mondays? Very confusing isn't it?

RED McMAHONE spent his vacation at Big Bear after taking George's place for two weeks.

THE DAY SHIFT will really be glad when BIG JOE MONNAREZ gets tired of nights and comes back on days. We miss him a lot.

THE TEAM OF RAMOS AND VARGES back in the corner has been broken up. Joe Ramos is on the sick list.

HAVE YOU NOTICED how hard PETE SCHMIDT has worked since taking a two weeks' vacation?

HOLLY has left us for a new position in Tool and Die. Good luck, Holly. ED MORSE takes Holly's place, in addition to his work on the Polish Line. That's all for now.

TOOLERETTES—24

VERNON KILN—8

By Bob Stortz

The carousel whirled madly as the Toolerettes wore out the home plate scoring runs—we loaded the bases so often it looked like a crap game in an Army Camp.

Nina, the Iowa Corn Picker, finally blasted out a home run, her first.

Without the use of necromancy or being vulpine, I perch out on a limb to predict: (1) We will beat Japan; (2) Plomb makes tools; (3) The Goonful Gals will win this here Softball League.

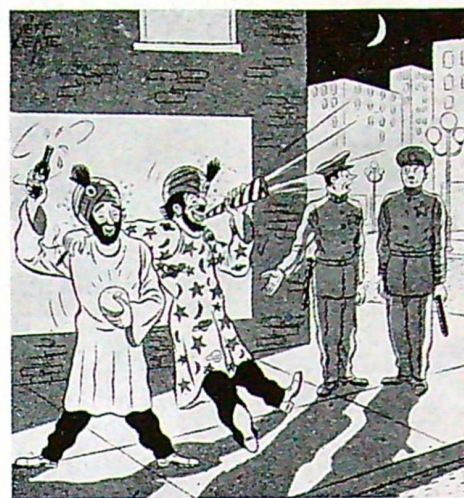
Friday, that's today, we wander up to San Fernando to do war with some cuties.

Highlights of the game with Vernon Kiln—Ellie Thompson's two-tone sunburn, Gabby breaking a bat, and the long string of pitchers we used.

Next Monday, July 30th, the game is with Joyce Engineering.

Same Time — Same Place — Same Insane Coaches.

SIDELIGHT ON V-J DAY



"They're a couple of crystal gazers celebrating the unconditional surrender of Japan next month."

BOWLING NEWS

By Hank Manker

Sweepstakes Night, the anti-climax of the bowling season, was held Thursday, July 19. Prizes for league play were awarded to the winning teams and high score players as mentioned in last issue of Anvil Chorus.

The following is a list of winners of the special sweepstakes prizes:

High Series, Men—

L. Stahl (643)\$10.00

Kern (615) 5.50

E. Grim (610) 3.30

High Series, Women—

Fern Foster (579)\$10.00

Joe Finnie (568) 5.50

Nina Hansen (562) 3.30

Low Series, Men—

W. Rosenweig (475)\$1.00

Low Series, Women—

J. Bell (472)\$1.00

This night completed a very good season—as can be proved by asking any of the participating bowlers, nearly all of whom have signed up for the winter league. Teams are being organized now. If you are interested and have not as yet signed up, do so at once—see the bowling display board in victory lane.

It is our aim to have all teams completed and entered by the early part of next week so that all schedules can be made up early. Sign up now!

PATRIOT!

A commanding officer had had a very hard time with the troops and he said angrily: "No man in the regiment will be given liberty today."

Somewhere a voice rang out: "Give me liberty or give me death!"

The C. O. turned red and barked: "Who said that?"

The voice was brief: "Patrick Henry."